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5 Kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

10 Kindly amend Claims 3 and 7 as in the following "clean copy". A "marked up" copy is attached showing changes made wherein added material is underlined and deleted material is enclosed in brackets.

Clean Copies of amended claims:

3. (Once Amended) Optical recording medium according to claim 2, wherein the total transmission factor of an information carrier layer with associated covering layer and separating layer is lower than the lowest transmission factor that allows to pass through said information carrier layer with associated covering layer and separating layer a quantity of light being sufficient for a writing operation on the other information carrier layer.

4. (Once Amended) Optical recording medium according to Claim 1, wherein the total transmission factor of an information carrier layer with associated covering layer and separating layer is lower than the lowest transmission factor that allows to pass through said information carrier layer with associated covering layer and separating layer a quantity of light being sufficient for a writing operation on the other information carrier layer.

7. (Once Amended) Optical recording medium comprising two information carrier layers, on which information can be written by means of a focused light beam, a separating layer arranged between said information carrier layers, and a transparent covering layer, which is arranged between said information carrier layer and a surface of the recording medium and whose thickness substantially exceeds that of said information carrier layer,
wherein: both information carrier layers are semi-transparent and
wherein the information carrier layers, given the presence of two information layers, is less than 10%.